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RESCUERS RACE AGAINST TIME TO FIND MISSING SUBMERSIBLE IN ATLANTIC

The carbon-fibre submersible was on a mission to document the wreckage of the Titanic, the iconic ocean liner that sank over a century ago

EXPLORER HARDING AMONG STRANDED

All communication was lost with the sub named Titan during a descent Sunday to the Titanic. US and Canadian Coast Guards have deployed ships and planes to find the missing sub, carrying British explorer Hamish Harding, French diver Paul-Henri Nargeolet, OceanGate Expeditions founder Stockton Rush, Pakistani businessman Shahzada Dawood and his son Sulaiman

SUB PUT TO SEA WITH 4 DAYS' OXYGEN SUPPLY

- OceanGate's expeditions to the Titanic wreck site include archaeologists and marine biologists. The company also brings people who pay to come along, known as 'mission specialists'. They take turns operating sonar equipment and performing other tasks in the five-person submersible
- The sub had a 96-hour oxygen supply when it put to sea on Sunday 6 am

3.8 km

THE WRECKAGE OF THE TITANIC LIES AT A DEPTH OF 3,800 METRES (12,500 FEET)

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India deserves bigger global role, says Modi

India & US share unprecedented trust: PM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday indicated India's time has come on the global stage, as he embarked on a state visit to the US, asserting both sides share unprecedented trust and bilateral ties were stronger than ever.

India, he said, deserves a much higher, deeper and wider role globally, in a rare interview to a foreign media organisation. "India deserves much higher, deeper and wider profile and a role. For thousands of years, India has been the land where people of all faiths and beliefs have found the freedom to coexist peacefully and prosper," Modi said in his interview to the *Wall Street Journal*.

He reiterated the country's stand on the frayed relationship with China, saying for normal bilateral ties, peace and tranquility are essential.

"We have a core belief in respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity, observing the rule of law and peaceful resolution of differences and disputes. At the same time, India is fully prepared and committed to protect its sovereignty and dignity," Modi said.

Asked about India's position on the Ukraine war, Modi said India wasn't neutral but was on the side of peace. "Some people say that we are neutral. But, we are not neutral. We are on the side of peace."

The prime minister said he had spoken to both Russia's President Vladimir Putin and Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and supported "all genuine efforts to bring an end to the conflict".

PM reaches New York

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in New York on the first leg of his state visit during which he will lead the International Day of Yoga event at the UN today

In his departure statement, Modi hoped his US visit on the invitation of President Joe Biden would be an opportunity to enrich the depth and diversity of India and the bilateral partnership. "My discussions with President Biden and other senior US leaders will provide an opportunity to consolidate our bilateral cooperation as well as in plurilateral forums such as G20, Quad and IPEF."

Nine years after Modi first proposed at the United Nations General Assembly that the International Yoga Day be observed as an annual event, he will for the first time be at the UN Headquarters to lead the yoga session on Wednesday.

K'taka team to visit Punjab for rice talks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a bid to procure rice for free distribution under the Anna Bhagya scheme, the Karnataka government is in talks with several rice-growing states.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held talks with his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann on Monday. A team of officials from the state will visit Punjab soon.

Expecting regular rice supply from the Food Corporation of India, the state government decided to implement its ambitious Anna Bhagya scheme, which guarantees 10 kg of rice to BPL cardholders, on July 1.

But the sudden decision of FCI to stop sale of rice to states from June 13 came as a setback to the Siddaramaiah government. This has snowballed into a political rift between the Congress government in the state and the BJP-led Union Government.

With time running out fast, the state government is making all efforts to procure rice from various sources. Siddaramaiah said the state government held talks in this regard with West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh governments. P4

ROUTES OPEN

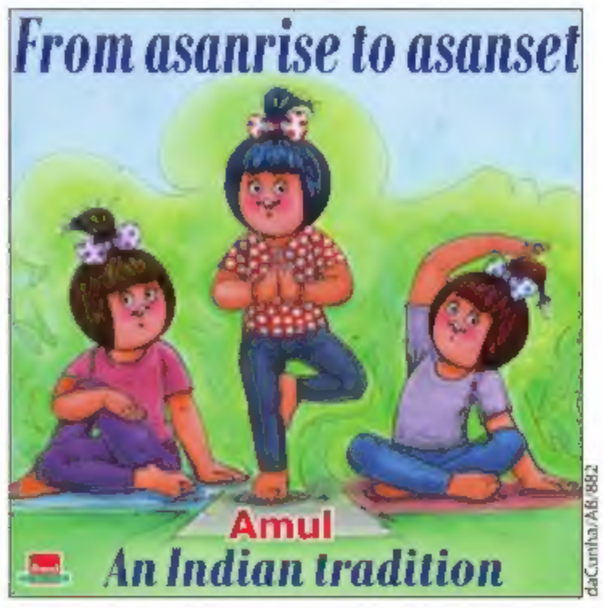
₹30-36/KG	₹50-56/KG	Private mills
Food Corporation of India	₹40-50/KG	Cooperative federations

'Stir'ring pots: BJP, Congress hit streets

Congress staged state-wide protest Tuesday against the Centre for refusing to sell rice for its Anna Bhagya scheme. Former CM Basavaraj Bommai and other BJP leaders were detained during their counter-stir | FULL REPORTS : P4

Karnataka needs 2,28,000 metric tonnes of rice. If rice is purchased from Chhattisgarh, the price, including transportation cost, will be high

Siddaramaiah, chief minister



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SEA OF DEVOTEES

Lakhs of people participate in the Rath Yatra in Puri on Tuesday, braving extreme heat. Over 300 people suffered heat stroke and injuries due to overcrowding | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Nilekani donates ₹315 crore to IIT Bombay

MoU SIGNED IN B'LURU

A Memorandum of Understanding was formally signed on Tuesday in Bengaluru by Nandan Nilekani and IIT Bombay Director Prof Subhasis Chaudhuri

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

INFOSYS co-founder and chairman and founding chairman of UIDAI Nandan Nilekani has donated Rs 315 crore to his alma mater – Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay. With this, Nilekani has so far donated ₹400 crore to IIT Bombay.

The donation will be instrumental in fostering world-class infrastructure, stimulating research in emerging areas of engineering and technology, and nurturing a deep tech startup ecosystem at IIT Bombay, the institute said.

Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani and IIT Bombay Director Prof Subhasis Chaudhuri sign an MoU in Bengaluru

Nilekani joined IIT Bombay in 1973 for a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. The donation marks the golden jubilee of Nilekani's association with the Institute. It also stands as one of the largest donations made by an alumnus in India.

Nilekani said, "IIT Bombay has been a cornerstone in my life, shaping my formative years and laying the foundation for my journey. As I celebrate 50 years of my association with this institution, I am grateful to contribute to its future. This donation is more than just a financial contribution; it is a tribute to the place that has given me so much and a commitment to the students who will shape our world tomorrow."

EXPRESS READ

No rain in Kodagu, water crisis looms in S K'taka

Madikeri: The delay in arrival of southwest monsoon in the catchment areas of Kodagu could trigger a major water crisis in southern parts of the state. Water levels across river basins and reservoirs have dwindled, while Kodagu district, birthplace of the Cauvery, is facing a shortage of drinking water | P4

Court asks cops to pay man ₹4L in rape case

Mangaluru: In a landmark judgment, a Pocso court has ordered Mangaluru women's police station Inspector AC Lokesh and his team to pay a compensation of Rs 5 lakh from their pockets to two persons, who had to languish in jail for months due to shoddy investigation into the rape case of a minor girl | P5

SC upholds HC order for central forces in Bengal

New Delhi: Holding elections cannot be a "licence for violence", the Supreme Court said Tuesday as it dismissed the petitions of the West Bengal government and the State Election Commission challenging the Calcutta HC order, directing the state poll panel to deploy central forces across West Bengal for panchayat polls | P10

HC admits plea on ST status for Meiteis

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE Manipur High Court has admitted a review petition seeking modification of its March 27 order that directed the state government to consider inclusion of the Meitei community in the Scheduled Tribes list. The court order triggered ethnic clashes between Meiteis and Kukis in the state.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice M V Muralidaran, who authored the March 27 order, admitted the petition filed by the Meitei Tribes Union (MTU) and issued notices to the Centre and the state government. In the March 27 order, the HC had directed the state government to "consider the case of the petitioners for inclusion of the Metei/Meitei community in the ST list, expeditiously, preferably within a period four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order...".

The MTU sought modification of this part of the order as the state government is not authorised to grant ST status.

The review petition will be heard again on July 5.

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Sri Dinesh Gundurao, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare participating in the World Blood Donors Day programme
"Har Aangan Yoga"
Date: 21-6-2023 Time : 6.30 am to 8.30 am
Venue : Grand steps Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
All are Welcome